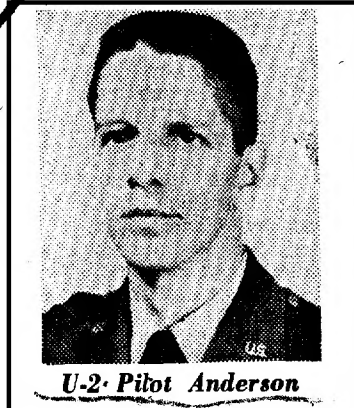


Letters to the Editor



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A Forgotten Hero

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

What was the name of the U-2 pilot that was shot down over Cuba? I cannot recall.

Never before has the fate of our country rested in the hands of so few. Surely the U-2 pilots, whose lonely missions over Cuba exposed the Soviet missile threat, are as great heroes as our astronauts. The astronauts are saving us from Soviet domination in space, but the U-2 pilots have saved us from Soviet domination right here on our own continent.

And yet few of us recall the name of the pilot who was killed performing this vital mission. Where are the words of praise for this man? Where is the hero's funeral he should have had? We do not understand.

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(Editor's Note: Major Rudolf Anderson jr., 35, was shot down over Cuba Oct. 27. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and cited by the commanding general of the Strategic Air Command, Gen. Thomas S. Power, as being one of the two pilots to first obtain conclusive evidence of the Soviet missile build-up in Cuba. Through the UN his body was returned to the United States. He was buried with full military honors, including a fly-over by SAC fighter planes, in the family plot at Greenville, S. C. Among the 1,800 attending the funeral services was General Power.)

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